SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Are we at liberty to discuss the principles? "

MR. PRESIDENT :—" Whether the hon. Members agree with the Bill or not, they can say."

THE HON. DR. S. GURUBATHAM :—" I now move—

'*that the following members of this House be nominated to the said Joint Select Committee* :—

The Hon. Dr. S. Gurubatham.
The Hon. Sri K. Madhava Menon.
Sri S. B. Adityan.
Dr. Syed Tajuddin Sahib Bahadur.
Sri K. Natarajan.
Dr. Sir A. Lakshmanaswami Mudaliyar.
Sri S. Jayarama Reddi.' "

MR. PRESIDENT :—" The question is—

'*that the following members of this House be nominated to the said Joint Select Committee* :—

The Hon. Dr. S. Gurubatham.
The Hon. Sri K. Madhava Menon.
Sri S. B. Adityan.
Dr. Syed Tajuddin Sahib Bahadur.
Sri K. Natarajan.
Dr. Sir A. Lakshmanaswami Mudaliyar.
Sri S. Jayarama Reddi.' "

The motion was carried.

(3) THE LAND ACQUISITION (MADRAS AMENDMENT) BILL, 1948 (L A. BILL No. 26 OF 1948).

THE HON. SRI KALA VENKATA RAO :—" I beg to move—

'*that the Land Acquisition (Madras Amendment) Bill*, 1948 (*L.A. Bill No.* 26 *of* 1948), *as passed by the Assembly be taken into consideration at once*.'

Sir, this is a short Bill intended to give power to the Government to take emergent procedure so that for certain public purposes, the land can be acquired under the Land Acquisition Act now in vogue. There are two types of acquisition, the emergency acquisition as well as the normal acquisition. Now that we have become a Positive State, we have to do many things. We have to acquire certain lands and give them to the Harijans for constructing houses and if the normal procedure is to be followed, the proposals made in 1942 will not be executed even in 1948 because a long procedure has to be gone through in this matter. Therefore, Sir, we have thought it necessary to amend the Act. Under clause 2, certain lands can be acquired by means of a swifter process. I think there would be no objection to take such a step because it will be

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useful to the public; it will be for a public purpose, for the purpose of any library or educational institution or for the construction, extension or improvement of any building or other structure in any village for the common use of its inhabitants or for any godown for any society registered or deemed to be registered under the Madras Co-operative Societies Act, 1932, or any dwelling house for the poor or any well, irrigation tank, irrigation or drainage channel or any road. These are all public purposes for which the land may be required. I, therefore, request the House to pass the Bill."

MR. PRESIDENT :—" The question is—

' *that the Bill further to amend the Land Acquisition Act,* 1894, *in its application to the Province of Madras be taken into consideration at once.*' "

The motion was carried.

Clause 2.

MR. PRESIDENT :—" The question is—

' *that clause* 2 *do stand part of the Bill*'.

There are no amendments."

Clause 2 was carried.

Clause 1.

MR. PRESIDENT :—" The question is—

' *that clause* 1 *do stand part of the Bill.*' "

Clause 1 was carried.

Preamble.

MR. PRESIDENT :—" The question is—

' *that the preamble do stand part of the Bill*'."

The preamble was carried.

THE HON. SRI KALA VENKATA RAO :—" I now move—

' *that the Bill be passed into law*'."

MR. PRESIDENT :—" The question is—

' *that the Bill further to amend the Land Acquisition Act,* 1894, *in its application to the Province of Madras be passed into law*'."

The motion was carried and the Bill was passed into law.

(4) THE MADRAS PROHIBITION (SECOND AMENDMENT) BILL, 1948 (L.A. BILL No. 27 OF 1948).

* THE HON. DR. S. GURUBATHAM :—" Sir, I move— 12-15 p.m.

' *that the Madras Prohibition (Second Amendment) Bill,* 1948 (*L.A. Bill No.* 27 *of* 1948), *as passed by the Madras Legislative Assembly, be taken into consideration at once.*'

" Sir, this is purely a permissive Bill. Since total Prohibition has been introduced in the Presidency, the old Madras Abkari Act